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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2006 ("Office Action") regarding the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and an allowance of the present application. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action accompanies this Amendment.

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